



The Cathedral Connection



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SYNODALITY

Pope Francis invites us to ‘walk together’ for the synod opening on October 17 - “For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission”. With the fundamental question: “How does this “journeying together take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? And what steps is the Holy Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal

Church?”, he wants us to reflect together on what this mutual journey means for us and for our Church.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples to not stop anyone from working a miracle in His name. John said they tried to prevent an exorcist from driving out demons in Jesus’ name because “he does not follow us”. Our Lord, however, said “You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.” (Mk 9:39-40). Further, He told them to not be an obstacle to bring down ‘one of these little ones who have faith.’

There may have been a lot of confusion going on in the minds of the disciples. What they thought was their exclusive right was no longer theirs alone. Our Lord was teaching his disciples to be tolerant – to exercise humility and charity. Not only with those who “belong” to their group – but with everyone who has faith and follows his ways.

This coming synod gives us the opportunity to truly listen to each other through a process of discernment; and reflect on what the Holy Spirit is saying through each other. However, our synodal journey should also take us to our Community’s peripheries, reach out to those who may feel disconnected from the Church, and hear what our Lord has to say through them.

In this time of COVID-19 and lockdowns, journeying with each other - with the Church and with God - through this synod brings joy and hope. Our Lord is always with us, listening and speaking through each one of us.

Let us walk together. *Randy Reyes (Parish Pastoral Council Chair)*

Readings For The Week

- Sunday 26th – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48
- Monday 27th** – Zechariah 8:1-8, Luke 9:46-50
- Tuesday 28th** – Zechariah 8:20-23, Luke 9:51-56
- Wednesday 29th** – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, John 1:47-51
- Thursday 30th** – Nehemiah 8:1-12, Luke 10:1-12
- Friday 1st** – Baruch 1:15-22, Luke 10:13-16
- Saturday 2nd** – Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29, Matthew 18:1-5,10
- Sunday 3rd October – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

The Cathedral Parish Office is again open to receive visitors. Please note that you can only visit one person at a time and you must wear a face mask and maintain all the social distancing and meet all other Covid-19 Level Restriction requirements. You will be required to either scan the Covid-19 Tracer App QR Code or use the manual sign in system. Office Hours are on the back page.

OUR MISSION & VISION
To joyfully share God’s love. To be a missionary people united in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.



Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish is a partner in the Wellington Central Pastoral Area with St. Mary of the Angels (CBD), and the Catholic Parish of Otari (Wilton and Karori)

RESUMPTION OF WEEKDAY MASSES

Cardinal John has asked all parishes to begin preparing for the *possible resumption* of weekday Masses from 5 October if daily new Covid numbers continue to hold or drop.

The Delta variant of Covid 19 is highly transmissible and every precaution to keep people safe is a requirement for Masses to resume. Parishes need to put systems in place that ensure management and adherence to Level 2 gathering rules.

Specifically we are challenged to work around issues of 2m social distancing, wearing of masks, contact tracing and cleaning. Priests are permitted to preside at only one Mass per day and lay lead liturgies of Word and Communion are not permitted. Practicalities of our Connolly Hall chapel dictate that only 20 people can be accommodated at each Mass.

A booking system will be set up to manage Mass attendance and you will only be able to book for one Mass per week. We ask please for your patience and assistance as together we work through this new way of being able to come together in worship again. Further details will be advised in next weekend's newsletter.



WELLINGTON SEMINARIAN TO BE ORDAINED DEACON

Prayers are requested for Alfred Tong (one of our five seminarians from the Wellington Archdiocese) who will be ordained a deacon next Saturday 2 October in Christchurch by Archbishop Paul Martin. Two other young men will also be ordained as deacons next Saturday – Monty Bamford from Christchurch and Adam Kirkeby from Hamilton.

Prior to entering the seminary Alfred was an environmental chemist. While living in Upper Hutt he was a member of the Sacred Heart Cathedral parish music group and has worked for Caritas (the NZ Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace, and development). Alfred has also been part of the music group that accompanied the singing at the monthly Holy Hour where prayers are offered specifically for specifically for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life.



Alfred Tong

We wish Alfred every blessing in this further step toward priesthood. Alfred will return to the seminary for the first half of next year and then spend some time in pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese before his priestly ordination.



Monty Bamford



Adam Kirkeby



Please keep Alfred, Monty, and Adam in your prayers this week as they prepare for ordained ministry in the Church.

September is the Compassion Soup Kitchen annual appeal month!

This month we have advertisements running through Stuff which will be placed in The Dominion Post, Neighbourly, and across other stuff platforms accessed both nationwide and locally.

Traditional street collections will be more difficult this month, but you can support our efforts by helping us raise awareness that September is our appeal month with the attached e-signature block (link it to the CSK Facebook page like our current one is - www.facebook.com/CompassionSoupKitchen), or even a post our story on your own social media platforms with the link to our appeal donation page soupkitchen.org.nz/donate/donate-money. Thank you for all your support – both past and future – with the appeal. This is truly a team effort!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A global consensus is essential for confronting the deeper problems, which cannot be resolved by unilateral actions on the part of individual countries.

Pope Francis: [Laudato Si' paragraph 164](#)



A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER : BE THE CHURCH

Catholic Social Teaching Principles and Encounter and Community Ngā Mātāpono Akoranga Pāpori katorika me te Tūtaki, Hapori Hoki

As we discovered, Christ's command for us to love God and love our neighbour is exemplified through the principles of CST. Some relevant CST principles on encounter and community are: human dignity, preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, solidarity, common good and promotion of peace.

Human Dignity • Te Mana i te Tangata

Our common humanity requires that we respect and uphold the dignity of each and every human being. All our other rights and responsibilities flow from this dignity. This principle is deemed as the central aspect of our Church's social teaching. The idea that each life has value is shared with International Human Rights which are also universal, inviolable and inalienable.

Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable • He Whakaaro Nui mō te Hunga Rawakore

Giving preferential option for the poor compels us to think first of the needs of those who are most vulnerable. The poor and vulnerable have a special place in the kingdom of God. Putting into practice the preferential option for the poor means considering the impact of our own decisions and of public policy on the most vulnerable members of society.

Solidarity • Whakawhanaungatanga

Being in solidarity is recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good. In our connected humanity, we are invited to build relationships to understand what life is like for others who are different from us.

Common Good • He Painga mā te Katoa

Our actions have an impact on wider society. It is up to every one of us – governments, communities and individuals – to promote the common good. When we make decisions, we should choose to consider the good of all.

Promotion of Peace • Te Whakatairanga i te Rangimārie

All peace requires respect for human life, which in turn involves the safeguarding of the dignity and freedom of people. Peace is the fruit of justice and love, and is dependent upon right order among human beings.

For more information on Catholic social teaching, please visit <https://caritas.org.nz/catholic-social-teaching> You will find more information on the CST principles covered in SJW 2020, some focus issues and stories of hope from across the country which bring each principle to life.






SEASON OF CREATION

The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God". Attached to this weekend's newsletter email is a leaflet with suggestions and material with which you can engage during this period.

PARISH ONLINE ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 25	SUNDAY 26	MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28
<p>Sacred Heart Parish virtual catch-up over a cuppa</p> <p>Date & Time: Saturday Sep 25, 2021 at 3:30 PM</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719396107?pwd=c3k5WTMyWm1rY1piQk1ndzNxSDB5dz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 847 1939 6107 Passcode: 113039</p> 	<p>Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting</p> <p>Date & Time: Sunday Sep 26, 2021 at 03:00 PM</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79969189260?pwd=QzI3UIMva3lUTWwyeFhHZGFoaVks5UT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 799 6918 9260 Passcode: hra2h3</p> <p>Sacred Heart Liturgy of the Word</p> <p>Date & Time: Sunday Sep 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89349270131?pwd=OVVvdG9vUVFWdkllL2U1d1FtdGUwZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 893 4927 0131 Passcode: 299388</p>	<p>On-line Rosary</p> <p>Date & Time: Monday Sep 27, at 11:30am—12.00noon</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82511950838?pwd=S1NqSGtzeUJyNkREeUFxUkxPM0RmUT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 825 1195 0838 Passcode: CnRi95</p> 	<p>On-line Scripture Reflection</p> <p>Date & Time: Every Tuesday at 5:00pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/94186740914?pwd=WlgwbkYyT2pvbGhKdHBLZDFYSIRBZz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 941 8674 0914</p> 

ON-LINE MASSES



Masses from other locations

Our Lady of Kapiti Mass: <https://kapiti-catholic.org.nz/>
Hamilton Diocese: <https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream>
Christchurch Diocese: <https://chchcatholic.nz/>



Here is the prayer to use if you are watching Mass online:

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.



Mass with Cardinal John Dew

October 3 is Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa Celebration Sunday.

As parish Masses are not possible under the current Covid-19 restrictions, Cardinal Dew has agreed to celebrate a special Mass in the Chapel beside the crypt at Island Bay where Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa lies. It will be broadcast at 2:00 PM on Shine TV. It will also be available to view later in the day on YouTube and Facebook. All parishioners are invited to send their personal prayer requests and intentions which will be offered by Cardinal John at this special Mass. If you have a particular prayer request, or if there is someone in your parish who you would like to be specifically remembered at either of these events, please send confidential details to Sister Josephine Gorman sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz At the conclusion of the Mass, all prayer requests and names of those who have asked to be remembered, will be placed on the tombstone of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa and the Sisters will continue to pray for everyone during the month of October There are also other resources available at www.suzanneaubert.co.nz Please pray for the beatification and eventual canonisation of Meri Hōhepa /Suzanne Aubert. And, let us remember her constant prayer. "Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."



NOTICES

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2021

Supporting and honouring health carers

"Life is fragile. Empathising and being present is what we can offer to enable people to work out their own answers to life's big questions."

KATHLEEN FIELD,
HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN



TAUTOKO MAI, TAUTOKO ATU | RECEIVING SUPPORT, GIVING SUPPORT

The resources for Support Life Sunday 10 October 2021 are now available online for downloading and use by parishes and others.

The theme of Support Life Sunday on 10 October is "Supporting and honouring health carers." This year's focus acknowledges the work of health carers, including family carers and health professionals, who are on the front line in supporting and protecting life.

The [change of name and focus to Support Life Sunday](#) recognises that we need to move beyond political debate or legal argument and extend to active, practical support for people facing a range of life challenges at the beginning of life, throughout life, and at the end of life.

Health carers are currently under intense pressure because of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as experiencing the impact of recent changes to New Zealand's abortion and euthanasia legislation. Health carers are also witnesses to the ongoing impact on health and life of poverty, exclusion, attitudes towards disabilities, and addictions.

Pope Francis has acknowledged and thanked health carers in many statements throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. This year's Support Life Sunday resources share the stories of health carers who are examples of people who support life in their homes, jobs and careers. Each of our parishes and communities has many such examples. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and support those who support life.

Support Life Sunday ([formerly Respect Life Sunday](#)) is an important annual event promoted by the bishops. The resources have been prepared by and for the bishops' [Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics](#).

You can see and [download the resources here](#).



Global Synod – For a Synodal Church

Pope Francis is asking every baptised person to be involved in a global Synod, "**For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission**". Every diocese in the world will celebrate the opening of the Synod on Sunday 17 October. In Wellington, the opening Mass will be at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, Karori. Parishes all over the Archdiocese will join in prayer for the Synod that weekend. In the following weeks, each one of us is invited to prayerfully reflect on the Synod materials and submit a response – both individually or with others. Information about how you can participate in our parish is currently being worked through and we will advise you of opportunities over the coming weeks.

On 17th October, our Cathedral parish Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated with Otari parish at 10.00am in the Pro-Cathedral. Subject to covid restrictions.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 27 September -11 October, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone. \$25/session

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-luke/>

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz



Children's Sacramental Programme 2022

The Sacramental Programme for this new year is about to commence and registration is now open. The programme covers 3 sacraments: Confirmation in Term 4 this year, Reconciliation and First Communion in Term 1 and 2 of 2022 respectively. To be eligible, your child/ren must already be baptised and currently in Year 3. The next parents' meeting is on 26 October 2021, 7pm at St Thomas More Church in Wilton.

If you would like to enrol your child/ren, please contact your parish coordinators:

Bede Clarke for St Mary of the Angels at bedeclarke@xtra.co.nz

Parish Office for Otari Parish at office@otariparish.co.nz

Angela Helbano for the Cathedral Parish at angela.nzet@gmail.com



Compassion Soup Kitchen is open

Serving takeaway meals between 12pm and 1pm, Monday - Saturday.
If you need a hot meal, come and collect a nutritious takeaway meal.

For more information visit our website: <https://soupkitchen.org.nz>
or ph: (04) 385-9299

Compassion Soup Kitchen Annual Appeal

September is our annual appeal month. For the last 120 years, with the generosity of our community, we have provided meals for those that need it most. During lockdown, we have been serving 200-230 meals a day, seven days a week a day so your support is more important than ever. You can help us feed Wellingtonians doing it tough by donating to our appeal online today:

<https://soupkitchen.org.nz/donate/donate-money/>



Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

Wednesdays, 12noon
Venue: Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street,
Island Bay

Join us for our weekly craft gathering. For more information contact ph: (04) 383-7769
or events@compassion.org.nz

**craft
group**

CONVERSATION & CRAFTING

12 - 2pm every Wednesday
at Our Lady's Home of Compassion

BRING YOUR HANDHELD CRAFT. ALL WELCOME.



The Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are open

Open hours at level 2:

Cloister Café: 10am to 3pm, Tuesday-Saturday.

Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre:
10am to 3pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

Chapel & Resting Place of Suzanne Aubert Meri

Hōhepa: 10am to 3pm, Tuesday to Saturday,
12noon to 3pm, Sunday.

Everyone is welcome. Take time to pause in the Chapel and Resting Place of Suzanne Aubert, enjoy a barista coffee in the Café and find new inspiration in the stories of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa and Compassion told in the exhibition rooms.



Our Lady's Home of Compassion Retreat & Conference Centre

Book your next retreat or conference in our peaceful setting

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MASS TIMES

SUBJECT TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL

Weekdays

(Except Public Holidays)

8:00am Monday to Friday

12:10pm Tuesday to Friday

12:10pm Monday Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

All in the Connolly Hall Chapel

Saturday

8:30am – Connolly Hall Chapel

5:30pm (Vigil for Sunday) -

St. Thomas More, Wilton

Sunday

10:30am: St. Thomas More, Wilton

7:00pm: Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon

Reconciliation: Saturday after 8:30am Mass, or by appointment.

Baptism: by appointment. Contact Parish office.

Please keep in your prayers

Gabrielle McLeavey

Brian and Moira Dunn

Ken Matheson

Nicholas & Thomas Dyne
(Graham & Rosaleen Taylor's grandsons)

Ron Blackwell



Mass offered for

Alicia Caraga RIP 9 Sept
Philippines

Charles, Jo & Joshua
Doherty Anniv. 15-17 Sept



Guardian Angels



On October 2nd we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. Did you know that God has an angel specially looking after you? God gave you a guardian angel to help guard you against temptation and danger.

Angels are pure spirits. Even though we draw them like people with wings, they don't have bodies, so they don't take up space. They can see and understand much more than we can, and they know God much better than we do, too. They are very powerful and can help us very much.

We should try to talk to our Guardian Angel every day. Thank your angel for looking after you, and ask him to keep protecting you from evil. Here is a good prayer you can say every day:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
From sinful state O keep me free,
and at death's hour my helper be.
Amen.*

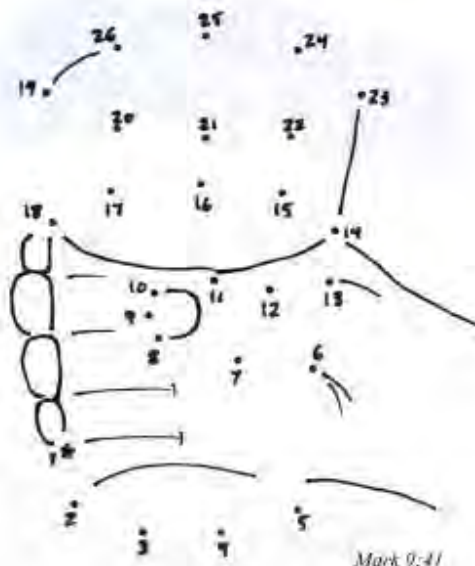
Answer to Word-Find (It is better to suffer than to sin)

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The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26th, 2021



What is it?

Connect the dots to find out!

Jesus says in today's Gospel reading that anyone who gives one to someone for His sake will receive their just reward.

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